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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Please also amend claims 1, 7 and 8 as follows, a marked-up version of the amended claims showing the revisions thereto is attached.

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1. (Amended) A method of calculating an index indicative of anaesthetic depth, the method comprising:
subjecting a patient to a repetitive audio stimulus;
monitoring auditory evoked potentials (AEP) produced by the patient;